

The molecule is nearly planar and the bond lengths and bond angles are normal. However, there is no dimerization of carboxyl groups, rather the molecules within the same layer are linked through hydrogen bond (N...H...O) of 2.84 Å between the nitrogen atom of one molecule to the carbonyl oxygen atom of the other. Apart from this, there is an intramolecular hydrogen bond of 2.43 Å as in maleic acid structure. Further work to refine the structure is in progress.

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## Theory of Brillouin scattering in an absorbing thin film

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Observation of Brillouin scattering from thin films has been reported by Sandercock (1972). He derived the spectra associated with thin films and bulk specimens. Recently, Dervish & Loudon (1976) have derived Lorentzian and skewed spectral lineshapes for a semi-infinite specimen. In the present paper we give a comprehensive theory of Brillouin scattering in reflection from an absorbing thin film.

Consider a thin film of thickness  $d$  occupying the space  $-d < z < 0$ , and boundaries being in the  $xy$  plane. We treat the incident radiation as having its plane of polarisation normal to the plane of incidence ( $s$ -waves). If the crystal excitations are of wavevector  $q$  and frequency  $w$ , then their coupling to incident radiation of wavevector  $k_L$  and frequency  $w_L$  generates a Stokes polarisation inside the crystal of the form

$$P_s e^{i(kz - wt)} \quad \dots \quad (1)$$

where

$$k = k_L - q \quad \dots \quad (2)$$

$$w_s = w_L - w \quad \dots \quad (3)$$

The Stokes polarisation generates electromagnetic waves in region I ( $z > 0$ ) and region II (inside the specimen). A formal solution also shows existence of scattered waves in region III ( $z < -d$ ), and this is the forward scattered component. We are, however, interested in scattering in reflection, a technique

first employed by Russel (1965) and is very useful in studying absorbing materials. By solving Maxwell's equations and applying the usual boundary conditions, which are, the tangential electric field and normal displacement vector are continuous, we obtain the electric field in the space  $z > 0$  as

$$E_{1s} = \left\{ \frac{1}{[k^2 - k_{2s}^2]} + \frac{[k_{1s} - k][e^{-i(k_{2s} + k)d} - 1]}{[k^2 - k_{2s}^2][k_{1s} - k_{2s}][1 - e^{-2ik_{2s}d}]} + \frac{[k_{1s} - k][e^{i(k_{2s} - k)d} - 1]}{[k^2 - k_{2s}^2][k_{1s} + k_{2s}][1 - e^{-2ik_{2s}d}]} \right\} \frac{w_s^2 P_s e^{i(k_{1s}z - \omega_s t)}}{\epsilon_0 c^2} \quad \dots (4)$$

and the electric field inside ( $-d < z < 0$ ) is

$$E_{2s} = \left\{ \frac{e^{ikz}}{[k^2 - k_{2s}^2]} + \frac{[k_{1s} - k][e^{-i(k_{2s} + k)d} - 1]e^{ik_{2s}d}}{[k^2 - k_{2s}^2][k_{1s} - k_{2s}][1 - e^{-2ik_{2s}d}]} + \frac{[k_{1s} - k][e^{i(k_{2s} - k)d} - 1]e^{-ik_{2s}d}}{[k^2 - k_{2s}^2][k_{1s} + k_{2s}][1 - e^{-2ik_{2s}d}]} \right\} \frac{w_s^2 P_s e^{-i\omega_s t}}{\epsilon_0 c^2} \quad \dots (5)$$

where  $k_{1s}$  and  $k_{2s}$  are wavevectors of the scattered light in regions I and II respectively.

$$k_{1s}^2 = \frac{\omega_s^2}{c^2} \epsilon_1$$

$$k_{2s}^2 = \frac{\omega_s^2}{c^2} \epsilon_2(\omega_s) \quad \dots (6)$$

where  $\epsilon_1$  is a frequency independent dielectric constant for region I and  $\epsilon_2(\omega_s)$  is a frequency dependent dielectric function for region II. Eqs (4) and (5) are exact. In these equations the second and third terms contain factors depending on the size of the specimen. Such dependence have been mentioned by Drosselhaus & Pine (1975). It can be mentioned that eqs. (4) and (5) are in fact modifications of results of Dervish & Loudon (1976) when effects of two boundaries are considered.

We are interested in the scattered light observed in reflection, and so we shall consider eq (4). There are three terms, and each will contribute to the overall observable effects, but it can be noted that the first term does not have any size dependence. The second term will show the dominant size effects.

The final term is negligible in comparison with the second term, since it has the denominator  $(k_{1s} + k_{2s})$  which is very large ( $\sim 10^6 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ ). Such sums appearing in denominators have been discussed in Raman scattering theories of thin films by Chen *et al* (1975) and Nkoma (1975). Thus the dominant term for size effects is

$$E_{1s} \approx \left\{ \frac{(k_{1s} - k_L + q) \{ e^{-i(k_L + k_{2s} - q)d} - 1 \}}{q(k_{1s} - k_{2s})(k_L + k_{2s} - q) \{ e^{-2ik_{2s}d} - 1 \}} \right\} \frac{w_s^2 P_{ss} i k_L (z - w_s t)}{c_0 c^2} \quad \dots (8)$$

The wavevectors  $k_{1s}$  and  $q$  are real, while  $k_L$  and  $k_{2s}$  are complex

$$k_L = k_L + ik_L'' \quad \dots (9)$$

$$k_{2s} = k'_{2s} + ik''_{2s} \quad \dots (10)$$

If we neglect any differences in the crystal optical properties at the frequencies  $w_L$  and  $w_s$  then

$$k'_L = k'_{2s} = \frac{w_s}{c} n_1 = k_0 n_1 \quad \dots (11)$$

$$k''_L = k''_{2s} = \frac{w_s}{c} n_2 = k_0 n_2 \quad \dots (12)$$

where  $n_1$  and  $n_2$  are the refractive index and extinction coefficient respectively

The cycle average intensity of the scattered light is obtained as

$$I_s = \frac{g_s w_s^2 \left\{ 1 - \frac{\cosh(2n_1 k_0 - q)d}{\cosh(2n_2 k_0 d)} \right\}}{4c_0^2 \{ (2n_1 k_0 - q)^2 + 4(n_2 k_0)^2 \} \left\{ 1 - \frac{\cosh(2n_1 k_0 d)}{\cosh(2n_2 k_0 d)} \right\}} \quad \dots (13)$$

where

$$g_s = \frac{w_s^2}{8c_0^2 q^2} \frac{P_s \{ [ (k_{1s} - n_1 k_0 + q)^2 + (n_2 k_0)^2 ] \}}{\{ (k_{1s} - n_1 k_0)^2 + (n_2 k_0)^2 \}} \quad \dots (14)$$

Eq (13) is the one which contains the behaviour of the scattered spectrum from an absorbing thin film. There are three cases of practical interest.

First, consider the case of a non-absorbing thin film, whence  $n_2 = 0$ . The intensity becomes

$$\frac{f_s w_s^2}{(n_1 k_0 c)^2} \frac{\sin^2[(2n_1 k_0 - q)d/2]}{\{(2n_1 k_0 - q)d/2\}^2} \quad \dots (15)$$

where

$$f_s = \lim_{n_2 \rightarrow 0} g_s$$

and we have used  $\sin n_1 k_0 d \approx n_1 k_0 d$

The spectrum dependence obtained in eq. (15) has been observed by Sanderecock (1972).

Secondly, consider a semi-infinite absorbing specimen, whence the limit  $d \rightarrow \infty$  and  $n_2 \neq 0$ . In this case the intensity becomes

$$4c^2 \frac{g_s w_s^2}{\{(2n_1 k_0 - q)^2 + 4(n_2 k_0)^2\}}. \quad \dots (16)$$

This is the case discussed by Dervisch & Loudon (1976), and Dresselhaus & Pine (1975) amongst others. However, these authors and others have discussed cases where the line shape in eq. (16) is modified to a skew line shape by considering the effect of an equal but opposite Stokes polarisation.

Thirdly, consider a non-absorbing medium ( $n_2 = 0$ ) and thickness  $d \rightarrow \infty$ . The observed intensity becomes

$$\frac{w_s^4 |P_s|^2 (k_{1s} + n_1 k_0)^2}{8c_0^3 q^2 (n_1 k_0)^2 (k_{1s} - n_1 k_0)^2} \pi \delta(2n_1 k_0 - q) \quad \dots (17)$$

The  $\delta$ -function behaviour in the present case leads to the normal Brillouin shift  $\Omega_0 = 2n_1 k_0 v$ , where  $v$  is the velocity of sound.

In conclusion, we have derived eq. (13) which describes the scattered light spectrum from a thin film. The results in the cases of a transparent thin film, an absorbing and non-absorbing semi-infinite specimen have been obtained as special cases. The special cases have previously been discussed separately by several authors (Dervisch & Loudon 1976, Sanderecock 1972).

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